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CIA: More than just a job . . .

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Lost and Found

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The Central Intelligence Agency is recruiting on campus this week and beady-eyed men in trenchcoats are popping up all over campus. Don't be surprised if you see someone on campus talking into his lapel or taking candy from babies, because these guys mean business.

CIA. Those three letters conjur up visions of the Bay of Pigs, Chile, Richard Nixon, and G. Gordon Liddy.

You remember Liddy — the G stands for Guts. Liddy is the former CIA agent who helped mastermind the Watergate break-ins. Since Liddy is the cream of the crop as far as CIA agents go, any CIA hopefuls on campus should take a look at what a fun guy he is.

A while back, Liddy spoke at JMU on topics like Watergate, world politics, and great ways to serve rat at your next dinner party.

Yes, that's right, as proof of his fearlessness, Liddy once cooked a rat and ate it. Well, you know what they say, you are what you eat.

And another time, Liddy — the G also stands for Gross — held his hand over an open candle flame to prove what a macho guy he is. If his hand was well done, I wonder if he nibbled on his fingers too?

Once, Liddy allegedly wanted to spike the coffee of liberal columnist Jack Anderson with LSD, before Anderson went on a TV talk show. You know, I bet it would be great to party with this guy.

But Liddy is probably most famous for intimidating one of his detractors by saying, "in a battle of wits, you'd be unarmed." Hey, is Liddy clever, or what?

But I've got news for you, G-baby, in a battle of personality, you couldn't get out of basic training.

Would you want your sister to go out with this guy?

But Liddy isn't the only example of the brilliant "intelligence" work of the CIA. Take the Bay of Pigs incident, for example.

In 1961, with the help of a bunch of CIA guys, about 1,200 Cuban exiles invaded Cuba in motorboats. Naturally, it failed miserably, and the Communists had more ammunition for generating propaganda.

Commies — 1, CIA — 0.

And they're still losing. So all of you considering the CIA for a career, go ahead.

Go ahead if you like guys like CIA poster-boy G. Gordon Liddy, or if you're a voyeur that enjoys videotaping the sexual follies of third-rate diplomats. If you like spying on your fellow citizens, just because they saw the movie "Reds" more than once, go ahead and join up.

It's not just a job, it's unconstitutional.

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